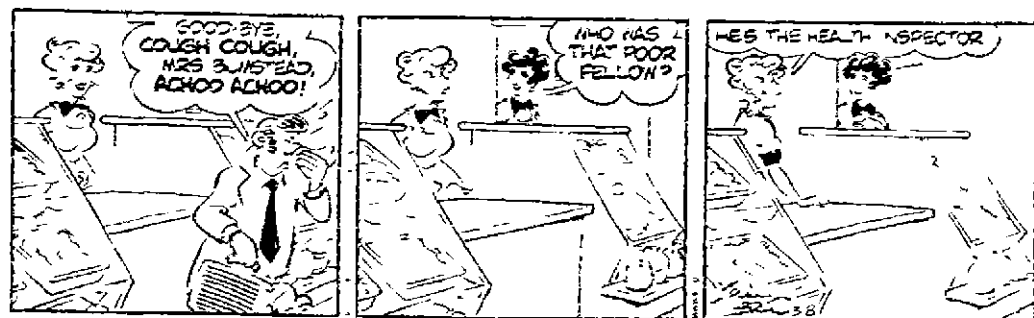
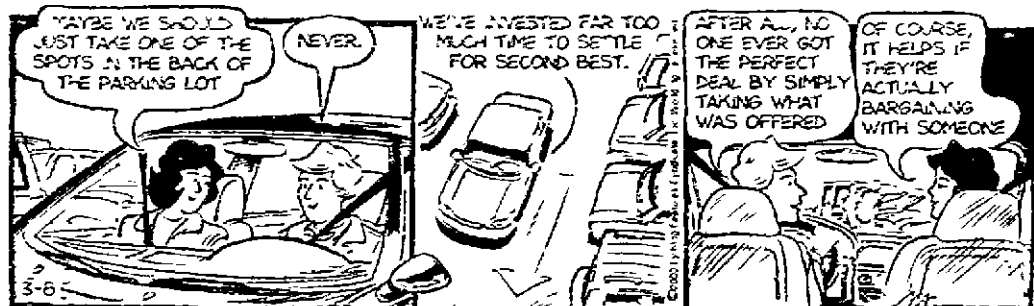


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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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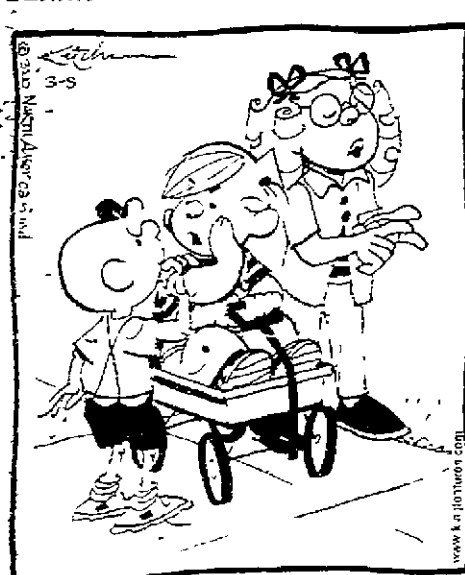
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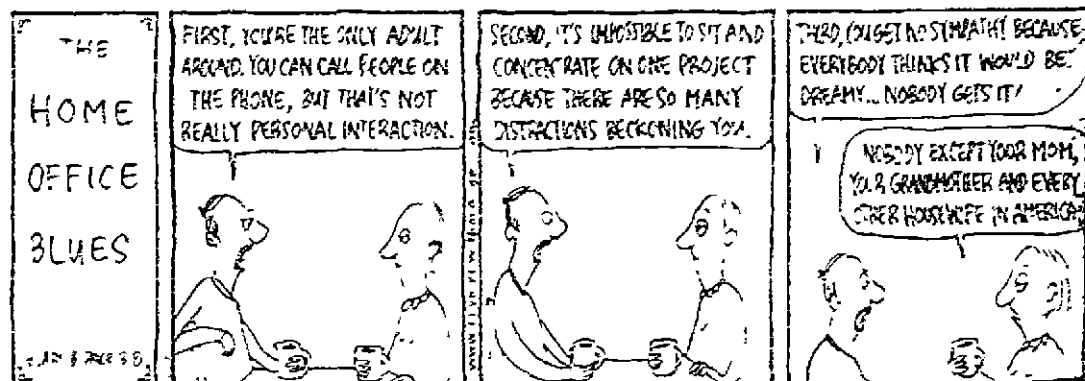
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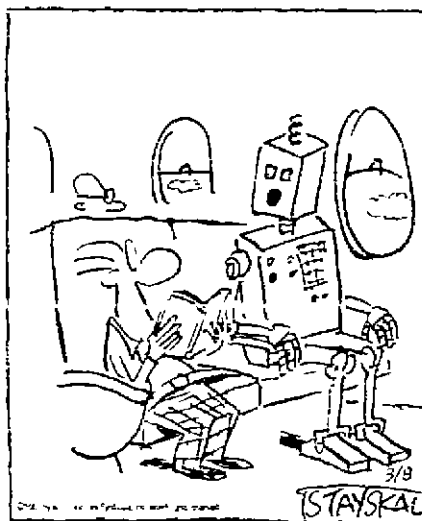
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Claire Trevor is 91
Actress Sue Ane Langdon is 64
Baseball player-turned-actor Jim Bouton is 61
Actress Lynn Redgrave is 57
Actor-director Micky Dolenz is 55
Lyricist Carole Bayer Sager is 53
Actress Jaime Lyn Bauer is 51
Baseball player Jim Rice is 47
Singer Gary Numan is 42
Actor Aidan Quinn is 41
Actress Camryn Manheim is 39
Actress Kathy Ireland is 37

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 80-90 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, March 9

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The director is yelling "lights, camera, action" and this is your time to shine.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to start saving for that inevitable rainy-day fund that's coming.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Don't try to handle a difficult situation on your own if you don't have to.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take it down a notch and you'll avoid reaching a high frustration level.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Something can be learned if you take the time to listen to what someone is trying to tell you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Be very careful of people looking over your shoulder. Virgo, especially if you are trying to do something secretive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Relationship issues move to the top of your priority list. Listen without judging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Look into the different ways you can be of service to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Wow! Time is flying by so quickly that you barely notice you're working.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your career collides with your family values as you realize that you can't be in two places at once.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're floating on a higher plane than most people. You'll have to come down eventually, but for now, enjoy the view!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Something has you troubled as the moon moves into the house of Aries. Look inward to find the answers only you can give.

WORD SLEUTH

THE RIGHT WORDS

P O L U B I E B Y V S Q B N K
H E B T P R Y W T R O I L J G
E B Y W H R I U R T R Y P N K
I G D B F G I G H T L Z X V S
M I L L W R I G H T F U L Q O
M S I T H G I R H T M K I G E
C C O P Y R I G H T A Y W U S
Q P N L T G I G H T E I H F E
C A Y U H R I X V T R O U S Q
P N O T P R M K J H E O U F E
C B Z S A Y X V U T R N F S Q

Tuesday's unlisted clue: JOBS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue: ORVILLE AND WILBUR

Anght	Forthright	Outright	Rightly
Birht	Fright	Righteous	Spghtly
Bright	Frighten	Rightful	Upght
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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South ducked West's heart lead in dummy, took East's jack with his ace and crossed to dummy's club jack for a losing trump finesse. West led a "safe" heart queen to dummy's king, and South countered by ruffing dummy's last heart and drawing trumps. After cashing dummy's ace and queen of clubs while discarding a diamond, South led a diamond from dummy. East took his two top diamonds, but South took the rest. Was it West's fault the game made? While it is true that a diamond shift at trick four would have scored a diamond ruff, at the time it wasn't clear that leading diamonds was best. What about East's culpability? East gets most of the blame. When South led a diamond from dummy, a perceptive East would have played low. The play revealed that South began with five trumps, two hearts and two clubs. Therefore, he was dealt four diamonds (one was discarded on dummy's third club). Had West held Q-5 instead of J-5, East's play of an honor would block the suit. In today's layout, a duck by East could lose nothing—his ace and king were secure. However, South was a huge favorite to finesse, giving the defenders three diamond tricks for one down.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9 8
♥ K 7 4
♦ 9 7 4
♣ A Q J

EAST
♠ K 4 3
♥ J 9 5
♦ J 5
♣ A K 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 8 7 5
♥ A 8
♦ Q 10 8 3
♣ K 4

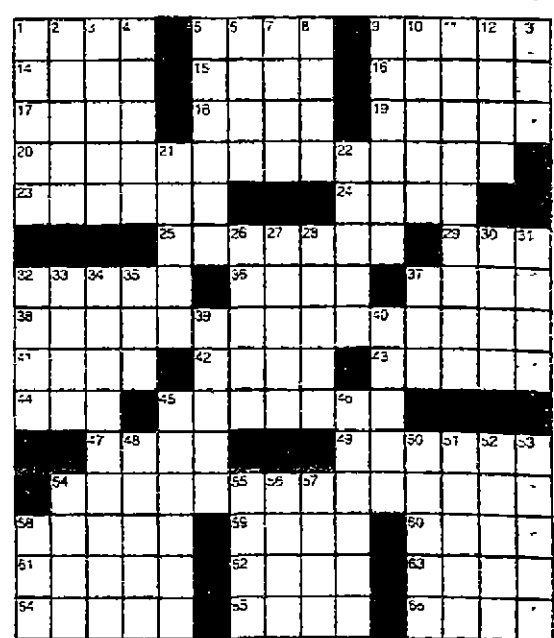
Vulnerable: North South
Deal: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♣ 3♥ 4♠
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Heart deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0126



Puzzle by Dan Reichen

- ACROSS**
- Figurehead's place
 - Broadway's Vernon
 - "My teacher," in Hebrew
 - Gad about
 - Adriatic resort
 - Silas Marner's creator
 - Sneaking suspicion
 - Teller's stack
 - Smooth thread
 - What Agassi does?
 - Highway interchange sign
 - The "A" in A.D.
 - Cornmeal repository
 - School org
 - Cookbook phrase
 - School org
 - Kind of function
 - What Hings does?
 - Potluck choice
 - Ancient theaters
 - Stops on a sales rep's rite
 - Manual communication syst.
 - Mistakenly
 - Bridge position
 - Cluttered rooms
 - What Sampras does?
 - "Goosebumps" author
 - "It's either you or me"
 - At nature!
 - Be silent, in music
 - Stand at a wake
 - Football play
 - "... Dream" ("Lohengrin" piece)
 - Understands
 - Half a matched set
- DOWN**
- Spectrum maker
 - Chute site
 - Manifest
 - Build a web site?
 - 8 x 10, often
 - Skid row sort
 - First place?
 - Margin of victory, maybe
 - Join again
 - True up
 - Diocese
 - Hightail it out
 - Ore suffix
 - 1985 Kaite Neigan film
 - Dressing choice
 - Eat into
 - A bungler might pull one
 - Fragrant oil
 - Sunglasses feature
 - Many moons
 - Co-star of Farrell and Swt
 - Roaster's spot

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

G M A T M E S A S B E S S
N O D E A S L I P U N I T
A C R E N A O M I M I D I
W H E N Y O U G E T O L D E R
S A M B A E S N E
E P S O M H I G H E R
A S T A C R I T I C A M Y
J U S T T H I S O N E T I M E
O L A H O G T I E O R E S
B A R R I O A L S O P
U N L V N I T R O
G O A S K Y O U R M O T H E R
R I C H A T S E A O R C A
A N T E R E T A G F O O L
S K I D D R A M S F E N S

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